

# HOOF PRINT

*Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc*



Rose Stable and Kerst  
(see profile on next page)



I hope you had a good holiday.

Our next meeting will be on Jan.20th. It will be at Diana Harrison's farm at 25 Little Creek Lane, Middletown. Little Creek Lane is a short narrow road off Wapping Road near the intersection of Peckham Ave. Directions are to take the right fork into her driveway and // park on the grass on the hill to the right.(accross from the house). AIHA Signs will point the way in. (This is a change from what we listed in the Dec. newsletter (Roseland Acres)

We will start at 6PM and we will have bowls of chili, corn chips, cheese, and salad ready for Meet & Greet. In anticipation of our February meeting when we will have a speaker from RIDART (RI Disaster Animal Response Team), we will screen a movie called "Mine." It's an 81 minute documentary about what happened to the animals during Hurricane Katrina. We hope to work with RIDART to expand their efforts to include large animals.

*Loie Kessler*

## Calendar of Events

### AIHA MEETING

January 20, 2011

6 p.m. at Diana Harrison's farm at  
25 Little Creek Lane, Middletown

### Glen Farm

Indoor polo on Mondays,  
Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.

Interscholastic polo—practice and  
tournaments—most weekends  
throughout the winter.

Upcoming tournaments include  
the New England Boys' Regional  
tournament the second weekend  
in February.

### Horseman's Bazaar

March 27, 2011

Metcalf Elementary School, Rt3.  
(Nooseneck Hill Rd), Exeter, RI

Web Link:

[www.orgsites.com/ri/aiha](http://www.orgsites.com/ri/aiha)



## Rose and Kerst

Former AIHA president Rose Stabile recently acquired a new horse, and submitted this profile.

Kerst is a 15 year old Friesian who was trained as a carriage horse and for dressage in the Netherlands. He came to the USA five years ago. In recent hard times his owner went bankrupt, and I was able to purchase this beautiful horse, trailer, tack and all.

Jenn Czechowski, a silver medallist, is our trainer. Kerst is training me in dressage. Two scores of 64.3 and 64.6 at training level have qualified us to show at 1<sup>st</sup> level in 2011. It's hard work! We're at Leopre Farm in Lincoln, RI. I hope someday to get back to this area to ride in the woods and fields with my friends. Maya, my former beloved horse, is in S. Carolina where she will become a mom, and give kiddy rides to beginners.

## A Year in the Life of a Driving Pony

By Tucker, the Haflinger pony



*January 2010:* After being alone for a while I went to visit with John Bennet in Connecticut to be worked consistently on roads and to get nice and fit to get ready to go to Black Prong Florida for a month.

*February 2010:* Black Prong was a very exciting place with lots of trails and other driving horses. The four in hands were especially exciting. Larry Poulin helped us

there and we learned a lot.

*April and May 2010:* Back home in Rhode Island and alone again. It wasn't too bad because we went out a lot and explored the roads and the Golf Course trail.

*June 2010:* We went to my first competition and succeeded in the dressage and the cones but we were too slow in the cross country and the obstacles. Clearly we needed to be fit enough to go faster. Also since it was my first time in the obstacles we purposely went slowly. In the end of June we went to the Acadia National Park in Maine for four days and had a great time. The trails there were perfect and the scenery unbelievable.

*July and August 2010:* We sweated through these two months trying to get fit and not be bored. It was too hot for me and next year I hope that my coat will be clipped. Once again we had a hard time on the cross country course.

*September and October 2010:* Our next competition was in Tunbridge, Vt. It is a very nice place. Our main goal was not to get disqualified and come in on time in the Cross Country and obstacles. We succeeded and placed fifth overall. A week after we came home we had an accident on the golf course trail and I pulled a suspensory ligament. We had to stop going out driving for a few months.

*November and December 2010:* Boring, boring boring. But December 23 the Vet said that we could start work at a walk and January 1<sup>st</sup> was our first day out and we went for just a half an hour. This is a big improvement from doing nothing except try to find the very few blades of grass left in the field.

We are looking forward to some more good times this year. If anyone is interested in going out with us or in having lessons in driving we would love to have you join us. Contact Deedee Harrison at 847-4924.

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AIHA will have a table at the Horseman's Bazaar! Contact Loie Kessler if you have items to sell.

*Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs*  
**Horseman's Bazaar & Indoor Yard Sale**



**Date:** March 27, 2011

**Time:** Doors open to public from 9am to 2pm

**Place:** **Metcalf Elementary School, Rt3. (Nooseneck Hill Rd), Exeter, RI**

**From CT:** Rt 95N-Take Exit 5A; At end of ramp go 1/2 mile; Bear left on to Rt3; Go 1/4 mile; Metcalf Middle School is on the right.

**From MA:** Rt 95S-Take Exit 5A; At end of ramp go 1/2 mile; Bear left on to Rt3; Go 1/4 mile; Metcalf Middle School is on the right.

**From Northern RI:** Rt 102S; Bear left on to Rt3; Go 1/4 mile; Metcalf Middle School is on the right.

**From Southern RI/Jamestown:** Take Rt 102 and bear right on to Rt 3 (Nooseneck Hill Rd). Go 1/4 mile; Metcalf Middle School is on the right.

**Anywhere else:** Call for directions

**Setup Time:** 7:30am for the seller (Doors open to public at 9am)

**Donation:** \$20 per table; \$10 to sell a horse trailer; **seller must stay until take down time (2pm)**

**AFTER March 10:** \$25 per table; \$15 to sell a horse trailer

For more info: Joyce 401-295-7332 after 12:00 noon or Marilyn 401-397-7329

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